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Major General John M. Willems
Headquarters, 6th U. S. Army
Presidio of San Francisco, California

Dear John:

You were in such an all-fired hurry to get off to California, and without fanfare, that you fairly took our breaths away. Can't say that I blame you however, for someone might have changed his mind and sent you to some undesirable post - or kept you here.

When I returned on 16 October from a couple of weeks leave, Allen and I allowed as how we would like to invite you over to luncheon with your colleagues on the Intelligence Board. We then discovered of course that we were too late.

We are terribly sorry about this as all of us here know so well what your contributions have been to U. S. Intelligence, in and out of the United States Intelligence Board, over a long period of time. I remember well how much I, as Chairman of the Watch Committee, owe to you. I took over a going concern from you and gratefully adopted most of the techniques and procedures which you had developed.

There are many other things which could be cited to show your constructive influence in the Intelligence Community over the years.

I know that I'm speaking for Allen and I'm sure for the other members of the Board, in wishing you the best of luck in whatever you do. As for me, I'm proud to be referred to as Willems' classmate.

Sincerely,

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